

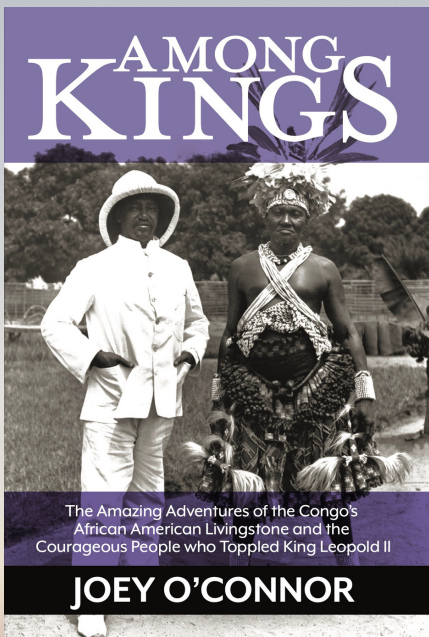


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ABOUT JOEY

Joey O'Connor is an award-winning author of 21 books and screenplays. His most recent work is *Among Kings*, a historical fiction novel. As a writer, speaker and artist coach, Joey is the founder of two Southern California non-profit organizations: The Congo Reform Association and The Grove Center for the Arts & Media. Joey holds a Masters in Leadership Development from Azusa Pacific University. He lives in San Clemente with his family where he loves to read, go to the beach and compete in Ironman events.



AMONG KINGS

THE AMAZING ADVENTURES OF THE CONGO'S
AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVINGSTONE AND THE
COURAGEOUS PEOPLE WHO TOPPLED
KING LEOPOLD II

Among Kings tells the fascinating story of William Sheppard, the first African American Presbyterian missionary to the Congo in the late 1800s. Partnered with his white missionary companion, Samuel Lapsley, the two travel 1000 miles up the treacherous Congo river. After tragedy strikes the mission, Sheppard takes on King Leopold II of Belgium who has enslaved the entire nation, leading to the first international human rights trial. *Among Kings* is a powerful story of friendship, love over hate, and victory over evil. (On Amazon)

TALKING POINTS

- What inspired you to write *Among Kings*?
- Why is William Sheppard important?
- How did King Leopold II steal the Congo?
- What is unique about Samuel Lapsley?
- What did Sheppard achieve?
- Why is Edmund Morel important?
- How is the Congo past related to today?
- What make *Among Kings* relevant today?

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